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Digital Storytelling Station to be Continued through Dec. 30 at Central Library

Unique Program Open to Any San Diegan with a Story to Tell

SAN DIEGO – Because of its success and the continuing interest by San Diego residents, the Digital Community Storytelling Station will be continued through Dec. 30. The City of San Diego Public Library, in cooperation with the Media Arts Center of San Diego, is hosting the station in the Arts, Music & Recreation section of the Central Library. The public is invited to participate in the program and have their unique stories recorded.

Many people have already recorded their unique stories. Vernon Sander told his story about his life in 1939 when he joined the Marine Corps. Brooks Loro looked at skateboarders and the farmers market Barrio Logan. There have also been stories about growing up in Tierrasanta, the creation of the community garden in City Heights, and a history of dam building in San Diego.

“We’ve been thrilled with the interest this project has generated in the community,” said Lynn Whitehouse, supervisor of the History & World Affairs Section at the Central Library. “The public is not only recording their history, but the history of San Diego as well.”

Community storytelling makes use of a wide range of different types of stories and themes to explore and build local community. These stories can include personal and family stories, stories from local history; stories about local successes; contemporary stories about the local environment, characters or problems; traditional stories from cultural groups; stories of disadvantaged groups; and, folk tales and fairy tales.

Anyone with a story to tell – reminiscences of the neighborhood they grew up in, memories of the interesting jobs they were involved in, or tales of special interests and activities. If you are interested in creating a 3 to 5 minute digital story, you need to bring four things to your session:

- A story to tell.
- A CD with music to help reinforce the mood and message of your story.
- Photos, if you have them, to illustrate your story. (On a CD is the easiest way to import, but we can also scan them)
- A blank CD or DVD to take your story home with you.

If you don’t have music or photos you can still tell a story.

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This project is part of “BARRIO LOGAN: Youth Voices & Community Stories,” a one-year digital storytelling project that will help sustain, support, celebrate and maintain community identity and pride in an area that is widely regarded as a spiritual center for Latino civic engagement. However, residents of all San Diego communities are welcome to participate. The project is funded by the California State Library.

A representative from the Media Arts Center of San Diego will be on site Monday and Wednesday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. to demonstrate the Digital Community Storytelling Station. The Central Library is located at 820 E St. in downtown San Diego.

For more information please contact Lynn Whitehouse at 619-236-5821 or the Media Arts Center of San Diego at 619-230-1938.

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